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*Sanitary report from Vera Cruz.*VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *July 27, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report: For the week ended July 27 there have been 36 cases and 20 deaths from yellow fever. There have been 4 deaths from remittent fever, 3 from pernicious, and a total of 64 deaths from all causes. The health of the shipping continues good. The captain of the steamship *Bentala*, whom I reported as suspicious, has recovered from a bilious attack, all febrile and other symptoms disappearing on the third day. * * *

Respectfully, yours,

SAML. H. HODGSON,

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The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

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PERSIA.

Further concerning plague in Bushire.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Teheran, Persia, June 22, 1899.

SIR: As to the plague at Bushire, on making inquiries, I was informed yesterday by the first secretary of the English Legation that from reports received from their own medical officers, stationed at Bushire, it was clearly certain that 3 or 4 real cases of the disease had been seen and their nature determined. It appears, however, that the authorities in Bushire were endeavoring to conceal the outbreak, and consequently cases of a suspicious character were attributed to other causes.

The great heat and the dryness of the atmosphere which at the present time prevails in most parts of the country will probably prevent its transmission inland to any great extent, if not extinguish it altogether.

I have had no practical acquaintance with the plague myself, for during the thirty years of my residence in Persia it has never visited Teheran. On several occasions, however, it has reached the form of an epidemic in Bagdad, and on one or two outbreaks it reached the Teheran frontier. In 1877 it appeared at Resbit and ran a violent course for three or four months, carrying off many thousands of the population. It was supposed to have been imported from Bagdad in the baggage of pilgrims who had visited the shrines at the Holy places just beyond that city. Great consternation was felt in Teheran lest it might overleap the frail quarantine barriers established on the Safeed road (White River). No case, so far as I can remember, occurred on this side of the Elburz Mountains.

My own observations incline me to the opinion that altitudes above a certain elevation are a considerable protection against the inroads of this particular disease.

The present is the season for collecting the dates, which grow about 50 and 100 miles from Bushire, and are exported largely from that port to many parts of the world, some, I believe, being sent to America.

I shall keep the Department fully informed of the conditions and state of health of Bushire, or any other place, seaboard or inland, that may become infected.

Respectfully, yours,

JOHN TYLER,

Vice-Consul-General, In Charge.

The honorable the ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.